

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10, 12-13, and 15-16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. (US 6,097,431).

The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 14 and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but indicated such claims would be allowable if written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claims 1 and 10 were amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 14, respectively. Accordingly, amended claims 1 and 10 are believed to be patentable over the cited art.

Claims 3-4 and 6-8 depend on amended claim 1, and claims 12-13 and 15-16 depend on amended claim 10. Accordingly, claims 3-4 and 6-8 are believed to be patentable at least due to their dependency on amended claim 1, and claims 12-13 and 15-16 are believed to be patentable at least due to their dependency on amended claim 10.

Claims 5, 14, and 17 have been cancelled.

By this amendment, new claims 18-24 have been added. New claim 18 includes the subject matter of claim 10 and the allowable subject matter of claim 17. Accordingly, claim 18 is believed to be patentable over the prior art. New claims 19-24 are believed to be patentable at least due to their dependency on new claim 18.

Claims 2, 9, and 11 were rejected under 235 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. '431, in view of Wakui (US 5,742,339).

Claims 2 and 9 depend on amended claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2 and 9 are believed to be patentable at least due to their dependency on amended claim 1.

Claim 11 depends on amended claim 10. Accordingly, claim 11 is believed to be patentable at least due to its dependency on amended claim 10.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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Respectfully submitted,

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